

## Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

### 08.02.25 Gear

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §4-221, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### Notice of Proposed Action

[18-026-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .01 under **COMAR 08.02.25 Gear**.

#### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to clarify the definition of “stinger hooks”. Questions have arisen regarding whether the current definition of stinger hooks prohibits the use of lures with multiple integrated hooks. The department did not intend to prohibit such lures when it established the current definition of stinger hooks. This action clarifies that stinger hooks are hooks that are not integrated into the body of the bait or lure.

#### Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

#### Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

#### Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

#### Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

#### Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Stinger Hook Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, B-2, Annapolis MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to [fisheriespubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:fisheriespubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov), or fax to 410-260-8310. Comments will be accepted through February 20, 2018. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

#### .01 Gear Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1)—(38) (text unchanged)

(39) “Stinger hook” means any hook which trails another hook *or hook unit*, either by direct physical attachment to the lead hook *or hook unit*, or by a connective device such as a *line*, swivel or chain, and is part of the same bait or lure.

(40)—(43) (text unchanged)

MARK J. BELTON  
Secretary of Natural Resources

## Title 09

# DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION

## Subtitle 10 RACING COMMISSION

### 09.10.01 Thoroughbred Rules

Authority: Business Regulation Article, §11-210, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### Notice of Proposed Action

[18-009-P]

The Maryland Racing Commission proposes to amend Regulation .07 under **COMAR 09.10.01 Thoroughbred Rules**. This action was considered at public meeting held on November 30, 2017, at Laurel Park, Laurel, Maryland.

#### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to amend the claiming rules to prohibit a trainer who also holds an owner’s license from claiming a horse while their trainer’s license is suspended.

#### Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

#### Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

#### Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

#### Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

#### Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to J. Michael Hopkins, Executive Director, Racing Commission, 300 East Towsontown Boulevard, Towson, MD 21204, or call 410-296-9682, or email to [mike.hopkins@maryland.gov](mailto:mike.hopkins@maryland.gov), or fax to 410-296-9687. Comments will be accepted through March 19, 2018. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

#### Open Meeting

Final action on the proposal will be considered by the Maryland Racing Commission during a public meeting to be held on March 22, 2018 at 12:30 p.m., at Laurel Park.

#### .07 Claiming.

A.—A-1. (text unchanged)

B. Eligibility to Claim.

(1) Except as provided in §B(2) and (3) of this regulation, to be eligible to claim, a licensed owner, registered stable, or other multiple ownership entity shall designate, as the person who will assume control and responsibility of a claimed horse, a licensed trainer who has been assigned stabling on grounds under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(2) (text unchanged)